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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE IV, DECEMBER 6

1. COMMITTEE APPROVED CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON GIBRALTAR, TEXT OF WHICH BRITISH CLAIM CHAIRMAN DIAZ-GONZALEZ (VENEZUELA) PREPARED IN ORDER TO SPITE BRITISH FOR WHAT HE INTERPRETED AS OFFENSIVE REMARKS OVER VENEZUELAN POSITION ON FALKLAND ISLANDS. CONSENSUS WAS RAILROADED THROUGH WITHOUT ANY WRITTEN DOCUMENT. INDIANS, AMONG OTHERS, TELL US OF PLANS TO PROTEST TACTICS IN PLENARY, BUT WE SHALL SEE. TEXT BY SEPTTEL. (AS DEPT WILL RECALL, ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO HAVE NEITHER STATEMENT NOR RES ON GIBRALTAR.)

2. RES ON SPANISH SAHARA (A/C.4/L.1058) APPROVED, 91-0-24(US), AFTER CHAIRMAN SUCCESSFULLY APPEALED FOR 24-HOUR RULE TO BE WAIVED FOR VOTE ON DOCUMENT WHICH WAS RELEASED SAME DAY.

3. FRENCH INDICATED THAT DRAFT RES ON COMOROS (A/C.4/L.1057) WAS "COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE", AND THAT FRANCE WOULD

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NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE. IN OBVIOUSLY STAGED MANEUVER,

IVORY COAST AMB. AKE THEN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS INCORPORATED IN DOCUMENT A/C.4/L.1064 (COPY BEING POUCHED WASH). TANZANIA PRESSED FOR VOTE WITHOUT AMENDMENTS, BUT FRANCE REQUESTED DELAY IN CONSIDERATION OF RES. COMPROMISE REACHED IN 63-8-21(US) VOTE TO ADJOURN FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO ALLOW COSPONSORS TO CONSULT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF IVORY COAST AND FRANCE. FIFTEEN MINUTES STRETCHED INTO NEARLY AN HOUR, AFTER WHICH TIME TANZANIA ANNOUNCED THAT COSPONSORS WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ONLY ONE OF IVORY COAST'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, I.E., TO INSERT ADDITIONAL OPERATIVE PARA BETWEEN ORIGINAL PARAS 2 AND 3, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

"3. TAKES NOTE WITH INTEREST OF THE STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, HAS 'AFFIRMED THE READINESS OF THE COMORO ARCHIPELAGO FOR INDEPENDENCE," AND 'ITS INTENTION TO RESPOND FAITHFULLY TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE COMORIAN PEOPLE', AND HAS STATED THAT THE COMORIAN GOVERNMENT CAN REQUEST INDEPENDENCE FOR THE TERRITORY AT ANY TIME;"

IN SUBSEQUENT VOTE, AMENDED RES CARRIED, 93-0-16(US); FRANCE STILL NOT PARTICIPATING, ALTHOUGH DE LATAILLADE EXTENDED THANKS TO COSPONSORS AND IVORY COAST. VOTING TALLY SHEETS BEING POUCHED WASH.

4. IN COMMITTEE'S CLOSING COMMENTS, BY REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN AND BY OTHERS, VARIOUS REFERENCES WERE MADE PRAISING "INDEPENDENCE" OF GUINEA (BISSAU), NOTABLY BY CHAIRMAN AND BY UNDER SECRETARY TANG. FOURTH COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES FOR 28TH GA NOW CONCLUDED. BENNETT

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